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WILLIAM WAYT KING BUILDING TO BE DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 3rd

ALUMNAE SECRETARY AND FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN THE ARMED FORCES

We usually think of the campus of a woman's college as rather untouched by the armed forces of a world war but Mary Baldwin has not escaped the effects of this one.

Miss Winifred Love, our Alumnae Secretary since the fall of 1937, has been granted a leave of absence for the duration of the war in order to become an Ensign in the United States Navy. She is now at the Naval Reserve training center at Smith College in Northampton and mail addressed there will reach her. Needless to say we shall miss her very much, but she was so happy over the assignment that we cannot but rejoice with her.

Dr. Edward P. Vandiver and Dr. Andrew J. Mahler of the English Department have also been granted a leave of absence and joined the United States Army during the past month. Just where they are to be stationed or in what capacity they will serve we don't know as this goes to press. The campus will miss them constantly.

Dr. Carl Broman, head of the Music Department, has volunteered and is awaiting his call now. The whole college is rejoicing in the lovely bride he brought to the campus this fall, and his departure will be a very real loss in a double sense.

ALUMNAE INVITED TO ATTEND

The William Wayt King Building is ready for use and will be dedicated on October 3rd amid the rejoicing of all the friends of the college. It is a truly beautiful structure and the interior finish is as lovely as the exterior. We envy the students who will use it for the first time.

The dedication will be preceded by the Investiture of the Senior Class which starts with a short prayer service in the chapel at ten a. m., and then proceeds out onto the front terrace where, in the midst of flaming maples and verdant green boxwood, the seniors will receive that symbol of their academic rank to which they look forward so eagerly—their cap and gown.

Everyone will then proceed up to the Auditorium Gymnasium of the King Building, where the dedication ceremony will take place.

The program will include an invocation by the Reverend Mr. Dunbar Ogden of the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton, Virginia; the presentation of the new building to the Board of Trustees by the chairman of the building committee, President L. Wilson Jarman; and the acceptance of the building by the Board of Trustees. The address of the morning will be delivered by Dr. John R. Cunningham, President of Davidson College. The ceremony will close with the singing of the alma mater.

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STAUNTON ALUMNAE

There will be a meeting of the Staunton and Augusta County Alumnae Chapter at 12:15 p. m., in the college chapel on October 3rd. The meeting will be presided over by the chapter chairman, Mrs. Warren W. Robinson, and the chapter dues are payable at that time to Mrs. Fitzhugh Elder, Jr. The Chapter is then invited to attend a buffet luncheon at the Alumnae Club House to be given by the national alumnae association, honoring Miss Katherine Sherrill, dean of women.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YEAR

At the first meeting of the executive committee of the Alumnae Board this fall it was proposed, after conversation with the College Administration, that the Alumnae undertake an active program to help the college secure a student body that will be as fine in the future as it has been in the past.

All private colleges for women are meeting tremendous competition from co-educational and tax-supported institutions and there is a real need to interest students in our type of institution.

The Board decided that this could be done by the alumnae if a procedure was carefully worked out. This has been done for the chapters and each chapter has received its copy. However it was hoped that other alumnae, who are not in communities where there are chapters, would want a part because they can be of great help working as individuals. If these alumnae would write to the Alumnae Office telling us the names of the college preparatory schools, both public and private, in their towns this office will write to the principals of these schools explaining our plan. The alumnae would then call on the principals to obtain if possible the names of any students whom they thought might be interested.

The Alumnae would then send us the names of these prospective students and we would send them the college literature. After a lapse of a month or so the alumnae would then pay a call on the girl and her family hoping thus to interest her definitely, and to give the college a first hand impression of the girl in case she should apply for admission. The purpose of the whole plan is, you see, to maintain the high level of students that we have been having. Therefore, the personal interview with the prospective student is important.

Your co-operation in this plan is sought and we hope that you will not hesitate to write the alumnae office if you need any help in carrying it out.

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At twelve fifteen the members of the Staunton Alumnae Chapter will hold their semi-annual meeting in the college chapel and at one fifteen the National Alumnae Association will entertain all the visiting alumnae and the Staunton Chapter at luncheon at the Alumnae Club House in honor of Miss Katherine Sherrill, the new Dean of Women at the college.

This will be followed by a meeting of the National Alumnae Association Board at two forty-five p. m.

It is hoped that alumnae and friends of the college everywhere will come back to the campus for this occasion.

KING BUILDING TAKES ITS PLACE IN TOWN AND CAMPUS LIFE

Excitement ran high in Staunton the 8th of September this year. Greer Garson was to be in town and a one hundred thousand dollar bond rally was to be staged at the new King Building here on the campus. It was to be the first time that the building was used. Everyone was anxious to see it and interest in Miss Garson was running high because of her remarkable portrayal of "Mrs. Miniver."

A capacity crowd eagerly awaited the opening of doors and Miss Garson's red haired beauty had to share the honors with one of the most beautiful interiors for a building of its kind that we have ever seen.

The large auditorium-gymnasium is a magnificent room, painted in a two tone pastel grey green, with a ceiling that rises two stories high. At one end a square colonial stage is recessed and hung with rich wine colored velvet curtains, the gift of the New York Chapter at commencement

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time. The acoustics in the room are such that the slightest whisper on a microphone is audible at the back of the hall. It will make a perfect setting for parties and concerts, as well as being one of the best basket ball courts we've ever seen.

The small or auxiliary gym is done in a soft rose with two enormous mirrors at either end and will be used as a natural dancing class room as well as a room where smaller parties can be held.

When the Presbyterian Synod met here in Staunton in September, the delegates enjoyed the pool, which is green and white tile and very inviting looking, at the end of their long busy sessions and the Staunton hostess group entertained them and their wives at a reception in the rose room.

The college had open house for the local friends of the college in the rose room in order to give them an opportunity to see the interior of the building which they had done so much to make possible, before it went into constant use, and the Freshmen were put through stunt night up there when school first opened. So you can see the building is already a vital part of the college and town life.

The King building is up but we alumnae can't really claim credit for our share until our share is in. Have you sent in your current payment?

**WAR TIME ACTIVITIES
AMONG THE ALUMNAE**

Mrs. Margarette Kable Russell, '02, is the Chairman of all Volunteer Service in the Staunton and Augusta County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Dorothy Morris Gibbs, '26, is working her head off in the Surgical Dressings Room assisting the Chairman, Mrs. Leta Watt Gibbs, '99.

Mary Bell Archer Mapp, '34, is a member of the Nurses Aid Corps in the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Margaret DeMund Banta, '33, is president of the Junior Women's Club of Ridgewood, New Jersey. Their job is to keep the home charities going in spite of the war.

Euphemia Smith Kinney, '34, was doing Red Cross emergency case work this summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Jane Craig, '42, has joined the WAVES.

Betty Buel, '33, is an officer in the Waacs.

Edna Umbach, '04, is in the Army Nurses Corps and is in Iceland.

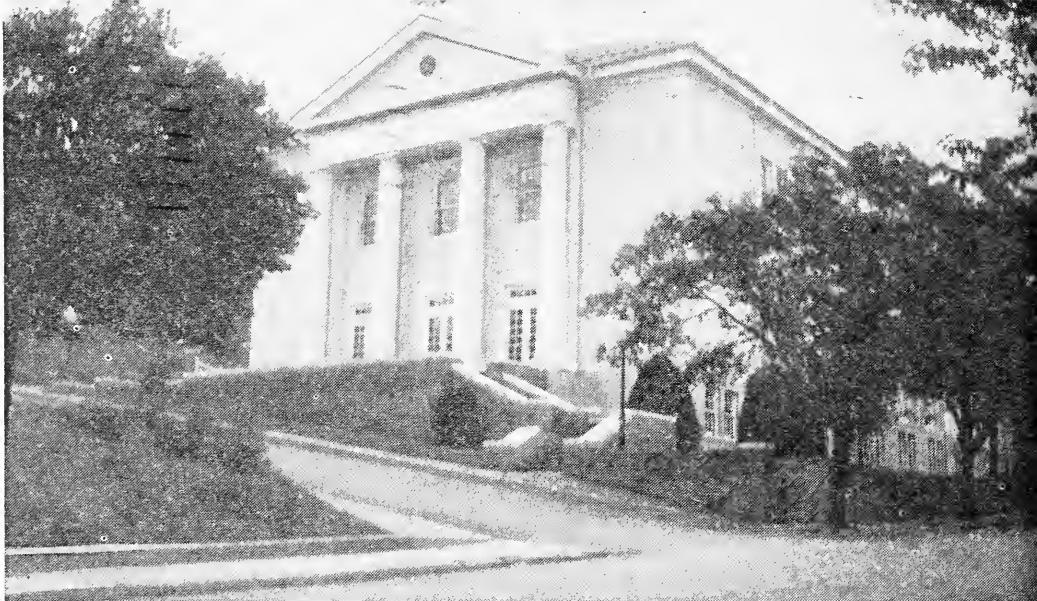
Margaret B. Philips, '24, wrote us, "I am going to be away for the duration of the war with a base hospital unit which happens to be the University of Virginia Unit. I am delighted and proud to go."

Betty Lambert, '37, and her sister, Rosalie, '41, have joined the Waacs and are in training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

Winnie Love, '35, has a commission with the Naval Reserve, and is at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Sarah Dyess Ewing, '36, said, when asked to attend an alumnae board meeting October 3rd, "It can't be done. I am stuck with a war. What with working for the Red Cross and the USO and a bond drive and writing four large pages of nonsense to my 'warrior husband' every day, I dare not add one more thing."

What are you and your friends doing...write in and tell us.



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